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CHICAGO BROILER/FRYER

PRELIMINARY FOR DELIVERY THE WEEK OF 10-JAN-2005

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG.	LOADS
US GRADE A	62-76	63-66	66.28	30

GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES

WEDNESDAY

73.25

FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.:

73.12

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 08-Jan-05

	Current Week	Previous Week
Broiler/fryer	164,938	135,098

ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	164.00	1,336
BREASTS - B/S	143.50	5,652
BREASTS - WHOLE	74.00	1,290
THIGH MEAT - B/S	76.50	1,056
LEG QUARTERS	31.00	6,865
WINGS	112.50	2,953

MIDWEST Preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries into the Chicago market area increased 2 cents from Monday's final. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady to fully steady on limited offerings. Demand into all channels improved over previous trade period, mostly moderate. Weather interruptions had curtailed and road conditions were greatly improved, although flooding remained a concern in Ohio and Indiana. Floor stocks were in close balance to adequate. Parts trade was centered on wings and breast cuts with activity on dark meat and leg quarters moderate. Wings and breast supplies were limited, dark meat in close balance and leg quarters were available. The market tone was steady to firm on wings, breast items and dark meat, and steady on leg quarters.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **WEEK ENDING JANUARY 07, 2005**

	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO		CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS				16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	66.00	74.00**	65.00	EASTERN REGION	64.20**	67.00**	58.50**
CENTRAL REGION	69.00	75.00**	64.50	CENTRAL REGION	64.00	67.00**	57.50**
WESTERN REGION	71.40**	76.00**	62.90**	WESTERN REGION	65.00**	68.00**	59.00**

**BASED ON OFFERS

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 01-January -2005 (PRELIMINARY)

YOUNG CHICKENS

	THOUSANDS
Head	137,675
Avg Wt	5.33
Last week	125,118
Same wk yr ago	134,816
Avg Wt	5.15
To-date/2004	8,092,572
To-date/2003	7,940,300

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

	YOUNG HENS	YOUNG TOMS
	THOUSANDS	THOUSANDS
Head	1,157	1,878
Avg Wt	16.28	38.94
Last week	1,180	1,628
Same wk yr ago	1,347	1,786
Avg Wt	15.51	37.67
To-date/2004	89,574	131,604
To-date/2003	98,202	141,048

FRESH PORK CUTS

FOB Negotiated	PRICE RANGE	WTD AVG
Loin		
1/8" Trm/less 21#DN-LGT	115.00	115.00
BNLS Strap-on 5-11#	145.00 - 151.00	147.29
Trimmed Butt		
1/4" Trim Stk Rdy	95.00 - 101.00	98.00
SPARERIB		
3BAG/3 PCVAC4.25#/DN-LGT	150.00	150.00

FRESH BEEF CUTS

FOB Negotiated	PRICE RANGE	WTD AVG
112A 3 Rib, ribeye, bnls, heavy	475.00 525.25	495.34
168 3 Round, top inside round	171.00 183.00	176.48
180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0x1	427.69 465.42	442.27
Ground Beef 81%	135.15 150.00	138.72

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